

Chapter 8  
DIVING MISHAP/HYPERBARIC TREATMENT/DEATH REPORTING PROCEDURES  
REPORT SYMBOL OPNAV 5102-5

801. REPORTABLE MISHAP/FATALITY/OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS

a. Basic. Report any diving mishap which results in one (R)  
or more of the following (per this instruction):

(1) Fatality-regardless of time between diving (R)  
incident and death.

(2) Hyperbaric Treatment-recompression therapy  
conducted as a result of a diving mishap, or aviation bends.

(3) Any diving injury which results in a lost time  
case as defined in paragraph 301a(2).

NOTE: FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL, THE ABOVE CATEGORIES ARE (D)  
REPORTABLE FOR EITHER ON-DUTY OR OFF-DUTY MISHAPS. FOR  
GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, THE ABOVE CATEGORIES ARE  
LIMITED TO OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED MISHAPS. HUMANITARIAN  
CIVILIAN TREATMENTS ARE NOT REPORTABLE.

b. USMC/USMCR Personnel. These reports shall be in (R)  
addition to any reports required by Marine Corps regulations.

c. Recreational Mishaps. Report recreational mishaps (A)  
not involving hyperbaric treatment per Chapter 3.

802. REPORTING PROCEDURES

a. Responsibility

(1) The commanding officer or officer-in-charge (R)  
shall ensure all diving mishaps are investigated and  
reported. Appendix B, Volumes 1 & 2, U.S. NAVY DIVING  
MANUAL, delineates investigation requirements.

(2) An autopsy is required for diving deaths. (R)  
Advise servicing medical facility that the death was diving  
related. Forward autopsy results to the following address:

Marine Biopathology Branch  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology  
Washington, DC 20012

(3) Equipment involved in diving fatalities will (R)  
be impounded, sealed, and sent to the following address:

R) Naval Experimental Diving Unit  
Panama City, FL 32407

A) (4) When the mishap occurs at a location remote from the parent command, the treating facility will report it. Notify the parent command as soon as possible. Ultimate responsibility for reporting lies with parent command.

b. Report

R) (1) Report fatalities or mishaps that require multiple treatments within 24 hours by priority message. Report all other mishaps by message, letter, or NAVGRAM. Use of a NAVGRAM to submit routine mishap reports is highly recommended.

R) (2) Use the format in Appendix D to report diving mishaps. Reports are to be unclassified to the maximum extent possible. Include classified information only when it is essential to determine cause.

R) (3) Report uneventful dives on OPNAV 3150/17, Diving Log.